

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ADVANCED PASSENGER INFORMATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start the advance passenger information service (APIS) at major international airports in the country w.e.f. April, 2008 as reported in the Times of India dated 4.1.2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of information about a passenger which will be provided by pilot under APIS; and
- (d) the extent to which security agencies will be able to check terror threats after the implementation of APIS in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d) : A Notification amending the Foreigners Order, 1948 for implementing Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) from 1st April, 2008 has been published in the Gazette of India on 24.01.2008. As per this Notification, the country representative/station manager of an airline landing in India shall provide information about the passengers on board and crew in electronic form, within fifteen minutes of taking off of the aircraft from the port of embarkation outside India, to the immigration authority at the port(s) of landing in India. The details of the passengers viz. name, gender, date of birth, nationality, passport details etc. are to be provided to the immigration authorities. APIS will facilitate expeditious immigration clearance coupled with enhanced security screening of the passengers.